

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification on page 1, line 5 as follows:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention ~~TECHNICAL FIELD~~

Please amend the Specification on page 1, line 13 as follows:

2. Description of the Related Art ~~BACKGROUND ART~~

Please amend the Specification on page 3, line 3 as follows:

SUMMARY DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION

Please amend the Specification on page 10, line 17 as follows:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION ~~BEST MODE FOR CARRYING
OUT THE INVENTION~~

Please amend the Specification on page 11, line 13 as follows:

The engine output shaft 2 extends from the engine 1. This engine output shaft 2 is connected to an input shaft 20 of a gear transmission (hereinafter referred to as transmission) 4 through a clutch unit 3. Thus, the output of the engine 1 is transmitted to the transmission 4, whereupon a speed change is executed in the transmission 4. The transmission 4 is a mechanical transmission that has, for example, five forward gear change stages (first to fifth gear change stages), besides a reverse gear stage, and can perform a manual gear shift as well as an automatic

gear shift. The clutch unit 3 is constructed so that the transmission 4 can be automatically controlled to be connected to and disconnected from the engine 1 when the vehicle is stopped or started. In some cases, the clutch unit 3 may be automatically controlled for connection and disconnection at the time of an automatic gear shift, as described after.